Cutlbert Mar 13th 1926.

Mr J. C. Collin

Dear Cousin

Pardon me for not writing to you sooner. I have been real sick from severe cold, in bed part of time. I am up now but not feeling strong. We have had three deaths in town this week. Pneumonia Paralysis and Kidney Trouble I have been very careful for I am afraid of these colds. We had a severe fire in town wednesday night Three pretty homes

Turned down in a short time, and very little insurance, not enough to cover the loss. Cousin I thank you so much for the check you so kindly sent me. You can't imagine how much I appreciate your kindness. I sincerely hope that none of you have been afflicted with these wretched colds, for they are bad Minneapolis have. With my best love to all of you. I am

Sincerely your cousin

Mary Lou Shannon